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[redacted] President
Government Employees Health Association, Inc.
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

A major difference between the installation of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the installation of the health benefits program under the Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits Act (Public Law 86-724) will be in the matter of personal contact between the Government and the persons eligible to enroll. As you know, in the program for active employees, Federal agencies were in direct contact with employees and were able to answer questions and provide information in addition to that given in the brochures and other written materials. Retired persons are not directly connected with any Federal agency and as a rule must rely almost wholly on communications received from the Civil Service Commission by mail.

In order to provide annuitants with as much first-hand information as possible about the new Retired Federal Employees Health Benefits law and the program that will be installed under it, we have asked the National Association of Retired Civil Employees (NARCE) to arrange meetings for their Chapters with our Regional Health Benefits Representatives. Field Vice Presidents of NARCE will be in touch with our Regional Health Benefits Representatives and together they will set up a schedule of open meeting on the new law to be conducted by the Health Benefits Representatives in various locations in the states which the Health Benefits Representatives serve.

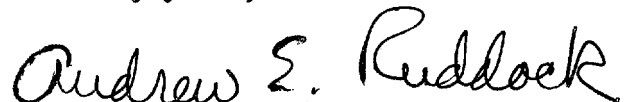
We have asked NARCE to give as wide publicity as possible to these meetings so that retired employees and survivor annuitants who are not members of that organization will also have an opportunity to attend and to hear personally from one of our Representatives about the new program. We hope that you will be able to have an official of your organization get in touch with each one of our Regional Health Benefits Representatives, determine what the schedule of meetings

for his region will be, and relay this information to those of your members who are retired Federal employees or survivor annuitants, so that they may attend.

As NARCE membership is made up entirely of retired employees and survivor annuitants, we thought it desirable to rely on this organization as our primary medium for establishing these meetings. The large number of Chapters in the organization (over 600) and the wide distribution of its membership will help greatly in establishing direct personal contact with as many retired persons as possible. At the same time, we are cognizant that other employee organizations have members who are retired Federal employees or survivors of Federal employees and we hope that, through your efforts, these people will learn of the meetings and will attend them wherever possible. If you believe special meetings for your retired members would be desirable, I am sure our Health Benefits Representatives will do their utmost to accommodate you.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and am confident that your retired members who attend meetings with our Regional Health Benefits Representatives will get useful additional information on the new health benefits program for retired Federal employees. I am enclosing the names and addresses of our Regional Health Benefits Representatives for your information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Andrew E. Ruddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the end.

Andrew E. Ruddock
Director

Enclosure

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